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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 17, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TED POE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord, may this celebration of the feast of St. Patrick give all people smiling eyes and grateful hearts.

Knowing that all work is sacred in Your sight, and well aware that work in government is very difficult in today's world, we pray that the following Celtic adage may be realized in all who work here in the Congress of these United States.

May you see in what you do, the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May every dawn find you alert, approaching the new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

May every evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

And may every good work, wrapped in prayer, calm, console and renew you.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARROW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARROW led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ANDREW HARPER

(Mr. MCKINLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, this past week, West Virginia experienced a tremendous loss. Private First Class Andrew Harper from Maidsville, West Virginia, died from injuries he sustained while serving in Afghanistan. He represented America with the utmost pride and dignity.

A graduate from University High School in Morgantown, Private Harper was stationed in Kandahar province when he sustained his fatal injuries during a noncombat incident.

The admiration our community felt for this 19-year-old man and his service are immense. So many are shocked by the news of Andrew's passing. This brave young man was so very promising. There is no question that Andrew

left a great legacy and his memory should be honored.

My wife, Mary, and I, as well as all West Virginians, will keep Private Harper, his family, his friends and his entire unit, the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, in our thoughts and prayers.

COMMEMORATING THE 46TH ANNI- VERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY

(Mr. BARROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 46th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and to recognize the courage of my colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS, and the many other heroes of the civil rights movement.

A couple of weeks ago, I was privileged to retrace the footsteps of history with JOHN LEWIS and walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. There, nearly 50 years ago, some 600 demonstrators marched to take a stand for African American voting rights. On the bridge, they were savagely attacked by State and local lawmen to prohibit their crossing. Journalists captured those brutal attacks, sparking outrage that led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Congressman LEWIS recently returned to the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Again he was met by a large group of police—this time as an honor guard.

We have come a long way in the last 50 years, and we still have a long way to go to ensure equality and justice for all. But we never could have come as far as we have without the courage and the devotion of countless men and women just like JOHN LEWIS.

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